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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, OSA  
SUBJECT: Resumption of TACKLE Operations  
REFERENCE:  5448 (IN 50012)

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1. This paper is forwarded per your request and deals with the questions now associated with our U-2 operations . The views and recommendations presented are based primarily on operational considerations which may or maynot be acceptable when examined in the light of other (political, security, etc) factors.

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a. Briefly, I concur with the proposal and justifications presented by  for a two stage resumption of activities. I would add that prior to any full scale operation (or single sortie) for that matter into areas of known or suspected defensive capabilities which might present a threat to operation) we should equip the TACKLE aircraft with the newer defensive gear now under development. In addition, it is possible that the SSB capability may offer a recall course of action in the event  GCI and fighter control monitoring capabilities can be utilized properly. In this regard I would recommend that on each of the initial probes in "relatively safe areas" a full feasibility evaluation be made of such a plan.

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b. (1) After the first of the year our U-2 inventory should reach at least four operational U-2C aircraft. This figure may be reached by the first of December if LAC can finish all testing which requires a J-75 configured aircraft.

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LAC's best estimate is that they will complete these  
[redacted] generator, engine [redacted] etc. } tests in  
approximately 4-5 weeks after the programmed starting date  
of 15 October 1962.

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